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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)<br/>FY 2009</b><br><i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>  |            | Docket Number (Optional)<br>22956-214       |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
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| Application Number<br>10/615,625-Conf. #9377   |            | Filed<br>June 27, 2003                      |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| For <b>BIOABSORBABLE SUTURE ANCHOR SYSTEM FOR USE IN SMALL JOINTS</b>  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| Art Unit<br>3731   |            | Examiner<br>A. T. T. Nguyen                 |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.   |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><thead><tr><th style="width: 40%;"></th><th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>Fee</u></th><th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>Small Entity Fee</u></th><th style="width: 20%;"></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$130</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$65</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$490</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$245</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1110</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$555</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,110.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1730</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$865</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$2350</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1175</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td></tr></tbody></table> |            |   |             |  | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$130 | \$65 | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$490 | \$245 | \$ _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1110 | \$555 | \$ 1,110.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1730 | \$865 | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2350 | \$1175 | \$ _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))   | \$130      | \$65  | \$ _____    |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))   | \$2350     | \$1175                                      | \$ _____    |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.   |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.   |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>141449</u> .   |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.<br>Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>59,659</u>   |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.<br>Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____   |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| _____<br>/Rory P. Pheiffer/<br>Signature   |            | _____<br>September 2, 2009<br>Date          |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| _____<br>Rory P. Pheiffer<br>Typed or printed name   |            | _____<br>(617) 439-2000<br>Telephone Number |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.  |            |   |             |  |            |                         |  |  |       |      |          |   |       |       |          |  |        |       |             |  |        |       |          |  |        |        |          |

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| <b>Three Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>   |   |
| I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4). |   |
| Dated: September 2, 2009   | Electronic Signature for Rory P. Pheiffer: /Rory P. Pheiffer/ |